

Minutes

Commission on Graduate Studies & Policies

February 20, 2013

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Graduate School Conference Room

Present: Ms. Shaimaa Abdallah, Dr. Chad Bolding, Mr. Jordon Booker, Dr. Karen DePauw, Ms. Nancy Dudek, Dr. Kay Dunkley, Dr. Bernice Hausman, Dr. Jennifer Hodgson for Dr. Gerhardt Schurig, Dr. Karen Hult, Mr. Mohammad Jalali via videoconference, Dr. Wayne Neu, Mr. Greg Purdy, Dr. Victoria Soghomonian, Dr. Dan Thorp, Mr. Nicholas Vaught, Dr. Tyler Walters

Absent with Notification: Mr. Marc Brodsky, Dr. Jennifer Hodgson for Dr. Gerhardt Schurig, Dr. Mayuresh Patil, Dr. Stephen Smith, Dr. Linda Wallace

Absent without Notification: Mr. Mehmet Altin, Dr. Alireza Haghghat, Dr. Patrick Miller

Visitors and Invited Guests: Ms. Janice Austin, Ms. Kay Heidbreder

Dr. Karen Hult called the meeting to order.

Approval of the agenda: Approved.

Approval of the minutes from February 6, 2013: Approved.

Committee Reports

Graduate Curriculum Committee (GCC): Dr. Hult reviewed the minutes from February 14. The minutes were voted on and accepted for filing.

Graduate Student Appeals: No report.

Degree Requirements, Standards, Criteria, and Academic Progress (DRSCAP):

Resolution, Ethics and Integrity Education: Dr. Victoria Soghomonian reviewed the resolution which incorporated edits suggested at the February 6th meeting. The commission suggested a few minor changes and the proposal and appendix were approved as amended.

Policy 13000: policy on Intellectual Properties

University Legal Counsel, Kay Heidbreder, reviewed updates to the Policy on Intellectual Properties, Policy 13000. The commission will discuss the policy changes at their February 20th meeting.

Graduate Student Assembly: Ms. Shaimaa Abdallah reviewed activities of the GSA

- The Graduate-Undergraduate Mentoring Program (GUMP) launched a new program that allows students to use an online blog for questions or consultations without being assigned a mentor.
- The Research Symposium is March 27th. Abstracts may be submitted March 8 – 15. The call for judges has been sent out. This year, faculty who have students participating may still be judges but will be assigned a category different than their student's. In addition, the banquet has been shifted to May and will function as a year end wrap-up banquet.
- The Travel Fund Program application timeframe will be shortened to two weeks beginning next year.
- One graduate student is attending the ACC Lobbying Day. The student is being sponsored by the Student Government Association.

- The GSA Relay for Life link has been sent to the commission. This year, Relay for Life is staffing a booth at the International Fair.
- Ms. Jennifer Goodwin has been hired as the new GSA executive assistant. She will work ten hours a week.
- The last delegate meeting had a large turnout.

Graduate Honor System: No report.

University Library Committee: The College of Science's Scale-UP classroom opened yesterday. The committee meets tomorrow. Dr. Tyler has reviewed an upcoming proposal that would require resources the library does not currently have and does not have the funding to purchase. He reminded commission members that new PhD programs may require additional library resources and faculty need to be cognizant of this when developing programs.

University Council: No report.

Graduate School Updates: Dr. Karen DePauw

- Interdisciplinary Graduate Education Program (IGEP): Three new IGEPs have been selected, pending funding. They are Bioinspired Building (Michael Garvin), Human Centered Design (Troy Abel), and Interfaces for Global Changes (William Hopkins, Jeff Walters). This is the 3rd year for a 3 year proposal. In addition, a graduate assistant assigned to Health, Culture, and Society will be funded for 3 years.
- University Council voted to approve the interdisciplinary Ph.D. degree proposal. It does not appear to need SCHEV approval, so will not need to be on the next Board of Visitor's agenda. SCHEV does ask that we prepare procedures for implementing the degree.

Old Business: None

New Business: None.

Announcements: None.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Ms. Nancy Feuerbach, on behalf of

Dr. Karen P. DePauw, Vice President and Dean for Graduate Education